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1. DECEMBER 20 PRESS REPORTS PROVIDE INTERESTING EXAMPLE OF GOI EFFORTS AT STATISTICAL MANIPULATION TO OBSCURE REAL RATE OF INFLATION. ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY CENTRAL BANK (CBI), CONSUMER PRICE INDEX DURING MONTH ENDING NOVEMBER 21 DROPPED BY ONE-HALF POINT, WHILE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX FELL 1.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS COMPARED TO PREVIOUS MONTH.
2. IN COMPARISON TO PRICE LEVEL ONE YEAR EARLIER, HOWEVER, CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 14.1 PERCENT HIGHER AND WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX UP 17.7 PERCENT. THIS, OF COURSE, NOT MENTIONED IN PRESS REPORTS. GOI STILL HAS NOT RELEASED MONTHLY PRICE INDEX FIGURES FOR MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 22, SEPTEMBER 22, AND OCTOBER 22 WHICH SHOWED RAPID RATE OF PRICE INCREASES (REFTEL. APPEARS OVIOUS CENTRAL BANK UNDER INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO RELEASE PRICE INDEX INFORMATION UNTIL MONTHLY FIGURES COULD BE PUBLISHED INDICATING LESS PESSIMISTIC NEWS ON INFLATION.

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3. PRESS GIVES PRICE CONTROL MEASURES CREDIT FOR DROP IN

PRICE INDICES. HOWEVER, APPEARS UNLIKELY PRICE INCREASE RATE ANY-
THING MORE THAN TEMPORARILY SLOWED DOWN. EMBASSY ADHERES TO EARLIER
ASSESSMENT THAT IRANIAN INFLATION THIS YEAR PROBLY WILL SHOW
ANNUAL RATE OF AT LEAST 15 PERCENT.
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